

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
Tippah
Baptist Association

1914



HELD WITH
Academy Baptist Church
SEPTEMBER 9-11, 1914

Place—
Time—
Preac
Alter

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
Tippah Baptist Association
HELD WITH
Academy Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER 9-11, 1914.

Place—Mt. Olive, eight miles east of Ripley, on the N. O., M. & C. Railroad.
Time—Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1915.
Preacher—Elder E. J. Eubanks.
Alternate—Elder W. B. May.

TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS.

ELD. H. L. WHITTEN, Ashland, Miss.	Moderator
J. W. CRUMP, Blue Mountain, Miss.	Clerk
A. A. GRAHAM, Blue Mountain, Miss.	Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Eld. J. A. AUTRY, Chairman	W. T. LOWREY
W. J. JACKSON	A. A. GRAHAM
J. W. CRUMP	W. E. BERRY
GEORGE DEEN	A. H. McALISTER

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- (1) Call for Petitionary Letters.
- (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- (3) Appoint committees.
- (4) Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
- (5) Select place for next meeting of this body, and preacher to preach Introductory Sermon.
- (6) Appoint correspondents.
- (7) Call for reports.
- (8) Elect Executive Board.
- (9) Miscellaneous business.
- (10) Call roll of delegates and mark absentees.

PROCEEDINGS

The Tippah Baptist Association met in its Fifty-second Annual Session with Academy Church September 9, 1914. The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock a. m. by Eld. H. L. Whitten. Text: Romans 1:14. Theme, "Debtorship."

EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Song service, led by Prof. J. A. Lesley. Prayer by Eld. E. J. Hill. Moved by Eld. W. E. Berry that Elds. W. A. Hancock and J. A. Rodgers be instructed to cast the vote of this body for Eld. H. L. Whitten as Moderator, J. W. Crump as Clerk and A. A. Graham as Treasurer of this body.

Moved by Eld. W. E. Berry that the Order of Business as printed in the Minutes of last year be adopted as the Order of Business for the present session.

Invited visiting brethren to have seats with us. Recognized Eld. J. P. Harrington, our Secretary on Enlistment; Eld. W. A. Hancock, representing Ministerial Relief in Clinton College; Eld. J. A. Rodgers from Aberdeen Association; Eld. J. S. Berry, representative of the Orphanage at Jackson; S. Joe Owen, J. T. Bean and Eld. J. H. Heath of Chickasaw Association.

Moved by Eld. J. S. Berry that the regular order of business be suspended and that thirty minutes be granted each to Eld. J. P. Harrington to be heard on "Enlistment," and thirty minutes to Eld. W. A. Hancock on "Christian Education," especially in reference to Clinton College.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Foreign Missions—Elds. W. E. Berry, M. Gillean, J. F. Ray.

Home Missions—Elds. W. B. May, J. E. Buchanan, P. C. Gadd.

State Missions—Elds. J. A. Autry, E. J. Hill, G. W. Deen.

Publications—Elds. E. J. Hill, A. H. McAlister, J. E. Ratliff.

Sunday Schools—Eld. W. O. Beaty, H. R. Spight, R. M. Staten.

Education—Eld. W. T. Lowrey, C. C. Mitchell, Buren Bright.

Temperance—A. C. Anderson, T. M. Gadd, T. C. Hunter.

Called for and heard reading of Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

Proceeded to select place for next meeting of this body, with the following result: Mt. Olive, the place; Eld. E. J. Eubanks to preach Introductory Sermon, with Eld. W. B. May, Alternate.

Appointed correspondents by adopting the following: Resolved, That any member of this body in good standing who shall be present with any other body with which we correspond shall be recognized as a messenger from this body. Eld. J. T. Cox was selected as our messenger to the S. B. C., with Eld. W. O. Beaty, Alternate.

The Moderator appointed as a Devotional Committee J. W. Pitman, Lee

Long, with the pastor and deacons of this church.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Heath.

SECOND DAY, SEPT. 10, 1914.—MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read and commented on the first chapter of Thess. Prayer was offered, led by Eld. J. A. Autry.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted. The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Orphanage—J. T. Miller, L. M. Bynum, E. G. Whitehorn.

Obituaries—J. L. Byres, J. L. Ferrell, L. C. Aldredge.

Ministerial Relief—Robt. Ray, H. C. McElroy, Jeff Lence.

Encampment—P. H. Lowrey, J. D. Burns, A. L. Collins.

Woman's Work—J. M. Spight, J. W. Simpson, G. W. Garrison.

Sanitarium—J. B. Buchanan, Hugh Renfrow, G. Watts.

Laymen's Movement—J. S. Berry, J. S. Horton, J. F. Gatlin.

Recognized as messengers from Chickasaw Association: Elder E. L. Wesson, Brother and Sister W. A. Bratton.

CALLED FOR REPORTS.

Moved by Eld. J. A. Autry that from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. be set apart for discussion of the reports on Missions.

The report on Orphanage was read by J. T. Miller. Spoken to by Elds. J. S. Berry, W. O. Beaty. Pending this discussion, a cash collection was taken up for the Orphanage totaling \$23.68, and the following report was adopted:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, our home for homeless children, located at Jackson, was established seventeen years ago. The object of this home is to provide food, clothing, shelter and training for the unfortunate orphan children who have neither parents nor other relatives to care for them.

Since its establishment, more than seven hundred children have been cared for, for a longer or shorter time. Many of them have grown up in the home and have gone out into the world to take their places in society, most of them fulfilling useful missions in the world. We have now in the home 240 children.

We believe orphanage work to be clearly the work of Christ, and our home at Jackson certainly has the stamp of His divine approval, and much has been accomplished by the united efforts of our people.

This year has been a hard one with our home. Early in the spring two children coming into the home brought the measles, which spread throughout the home. There were about 175 cases in the home—130 in bed at one time. But through the skillful doctoring and nursing and blessing of our Heavenly Father, there was only one death. Owing to the burning of the schoolhouse last year, the Board, at an April meeting, ordered the erection of a brick schoolhouse that would accommodate 300 children. This

building
by the S
borrow \$
to the ai
recommen
collection
port an
sociation
ing the
plished
and L.
borrow
and we
Orphana

Let
clothing
ings (n
viding

The
being d
We

We
Baptist
a close
it was
the Su
closing
It
Society
It
Sunday
the vo
Jo

good l
Foreign
It
London
forty-f
M
Ameri
Jo
profita

W

building is now ready for use. Much of the work on the house was done by the Superintendent and children to reduce cost, but with that we had to borrow \$4,500. This money must me replaced. If all our churches will come to the aid of the Orphanage this indebtedness can be easily met. We would recommend that all our Sunday Schools would adopt the plan of giving one collection per month to the Orphanage. Five dollars per month will support an orphan. We would also recommend that each church in the Association make an effort to secure a contribution from each member during the month of November as a thanks offering. This may be accomplished by the church through the Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., and L. A. S. We learn with sorrow that our Superintendent has had to borrow money to buy bread for our orphan children. This ought not to be, and we trust that our people will be more liberal in the support of the Orphanage.

Let our churches send, besides cash, boxes of clothing (good second-hand clothing accepted), canned goods, groceries of all kinds, syrup, shoes, stockings (mostly large ones) and any other thing that can be used in providing for our children.

E. L.
apart
Elds.
n was
t was

Respectfully submitted,

Committee:

L. M. BYNUM,
E. G. WHITEHORN,
JOHN T. MILLER.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Eld. W. O. Beaty, and after being discussed by himself, Eld. J. A. Rodgers, this report was adopted:

We, your committee, beg to make the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe in progressive movements which has been the attitude of the Baptist in Sunday School work since it was first organized. When we make a close survey of the world's great Sunday School Movement we find that it was organized by some very enthusiastic, spiritual men. The history of the Sunday School has been traced from the days of William Fox and the closing days of the eighteenth century to the days of 1914.

It was William Fox, a Baptist, who organized the first Sunday School Society in all the world and made possible the modern Sunday School era.

It was William Brodie Gurney, a Baptist, who organized the London Sunday School Union, the greatest Union in the world, as the exponent of the voluntary idea in the Sunday School work.

Joseph Hughes, a Baptist, flooded the whole world with tracts and good literature for students and teachers. He organized the British and Foreign Bible Society for supplying text-books of the Sunday School.

It was William Henry Watson, a Baptist, who guided the affairs of the London Sunday School Union through the era, and he was Secretary for forty-five years.

Miss Harriet Bishop, a Baptist, planted the first Sunday School in America in the Far Northwest.

John Mason Peck was one of the pioneer men that did some very profitable work for forty years in the Ohio and Mississippi Valley.

When Franklin Jacob gave up the work it fell into the hands of W. N.

Hartshorn. These two men, both being Baptists, founded the world's great Sunday School Convention. Mr. Hartshorn gave to the world the International Lesson System.

Thus we see how the Baptists have entered into this great movement, and stood loyal and true to every need since the beginning of the Sunday School work.

Now let us look at the present situation. Statistics show that only thirty-three per cent of the churches in the Tippah Baptist Association have Sunday Schools. This goes to prove that a movement needs to be started in all of our churches.

We command, First, that all of the churches in the Association that do not have Sunday Schools organize at once.

Second, that each member of the church enter into the work prayerfully and with a co-operative spirit.

Third, that each pastor encourage the work and make a special effort to establish a Sunday School in each of their respective churches.

Committee—

W. O. BEATY,
R. M. STATEN,
H. R. SPIGHT.

Preaching at 1 o'clock by Eld. J. B. Lawrence. Text, the great Commission as given in all four of the Gospels. Theme, "The Work of the Church."

Prayer by Eld. M. Gillean. Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Eld. J. G. Chastain.

The reports on Missions, which were made special for this hour, were then taken up. The report on Home Missions was read by Eld. W. B. May, on State Missions by Eld. J. A. Autry, and that on Foreign Missions by Eld. W. E. Berry. These three reports were then jointly discussed by Elds. J. B. Lawrence, J. A. Autry, W. E. Berry, E. L. Wesson, J. S. Berry, J. G. Chastain, W. B. May, and were adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The men who framed this Republic desired it to be a Christian nation. They gave their ideas to the world without fear or favor. The events of the past and present have justified their wisdom. The slaves of every country look to America to teach the way to better things. God said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation," and we know this to be true, for history has proven it to be so. We also know that "sin is a reproach to a nation."

Of about 95,000,000 people in America, only about 21,000,000 are members of any evangelical religious body. Of the 31,000,000 people in Southern Baptist territory, only about 11,000,000 are members of evangelical bodies.

There remains a large task of pioneer mission work in the Home Missions territory. After all of the faithful work of Home and State,

Missions,
message.
that are

The
of ten y
receipts
8,017; in
For the
\$2,981,97
441,779.
476.28.

Sout
Thousands
pastors,
pressing
ever I h
of the G

Our
enlistmen
Board in

The
conventio
needs, ap
the Milli

With
stands i
which w
principle
a danger
shall for
real test
danger i
building
among n
condition

The
apportion
Every d
the most

1.
tioned a

2.
Field, a
upon ap

3.
needs of

4.
.that ear

Missions, scores of communities in many States do not hear the Gospel message. With the old task unfinished, many new ones are being added that are more difficult.

The progress of the work in all fields has been glorious. A period of ten years shows the wonderful progress we have made. In 1904 our receipts were \$127,850.56; in 1914, \$397,589.12. In 1914 our baptisms were 8,017; in 1914, 30,861. In 1904 our additions were 17,288; in 1914, 56,747. For the eleven years from 1904 to 1914, inclusive, our receipts have been \$2,981,974.97; baptisms, 238,656; total additions to membership of churches, 441,779. Then we had no Church Building Loan Fund; now we have \$95,476.28.

Southern Baptists are confronted with an immense vitalization task. Thousands of churches with only once-a-month preaching, without resident pastors, are finding themselves inadequately taught and trained for the pressing needs of today. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," we are beginning to see, is as truly a part of the Great Commission as evangelizing the lost.

Our Home Board is undertaking to help in this great work for the enlistment and strengthening of the undeveloped churches. To help our Board in this work is to help everything for which Baptists stand.

Three thousand six hundred and eighty-nine unhoused churches in our convention territory, with 4,310 in buildings that are not adequate for their needs, appeals for a large and hearty support to the Home Board in raising the Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund..

With all these tasks pressing for vigorous, capable attention, our Board stands in the front ranks of those agencies of our Baptist body through which we seek to keep inviolate in a day of testing the great Baptist principles of loyalty to Christ and the teaching of His word. There is a danger, now that the world has become a single community, that we shall forget to love our neighbors—those who live with us and who are the real test of our love for men, and love the world in the abstract. There is danger in the increasing Southern wealth dwarfing the spiritual man and building up the social man. Christianity means better living conditions among men, but the supreme task of the churches is to produce these better conditions by producing better men and women.

The Home Board apportionment for the whole South is \$461,250. The apportionment for our State is \$31,000, and that for our Association, \$771.00. Every dollar of the apportionment will be needed if the Board is to meet the most urgent needs.

1. We recommend that the amount for our Association be apportioned among the churches and each church be requested to raise its amount.
2. That all pastors and churches be urged to subscribe for the Home Field, and to make the largest use of Home Mission tracts, which are free upon application.

3. That our churches give with more regularity, so as to meet the needs of the Board.

4. That pastors be requested to preach on this subject more often and that earnest prayer be made for Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. MAY,
P. C. GADD,

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

With an inadequate base towns may fall, advancing armies may be put to flight and mission enterprises, as well as all others, may fall.

The Lord recognized meters and bounds in His work when he said that, "Repent once and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Also, when He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." As touching our relation to the great commission of our Lord, State Missions is Jerusalem work, and stands, therefore, as the base of operations.

Through State Missions the churches are mobilizing themselves and making effective their forces in the thorough establishment of doctrines of Christ among themselves, with the carrying out of the great commission following as a consequence. The churches operate State Missions through the State Convention Board, which is composed of twenty-seven brethren elected by the Convention, nine of whom are chosen each year for three consecutive years.

The churches foster directly through the Convention Board, Home and Foreign Missions, weak churches, evangelism, enlistment, Sunday Schools, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education and Woman's Missionary Unions and its auxiliaries.

The needs fostered indirectly are the Orphanage, Colleges, Hospitals and the Baptist Record.

In fostering these various interests, State Mission work has been carried on in practically all the fifty-four Associations of the State.

In the work of pastoral support, 195 churches in forty of the Associations have received assistance. The appropriation for this department of work is \$25,000.

In twenty-one Associations, the Tippah being among the number, thirty-nine churches are being aided in building houses of worship. The appropriation for this department of the work is \$7,500.

As Enlistment Missionaries, we have J. P. Harington in North Mississippi, Zeno Wall in South Mississippi and W. R. Cooper in the Delta. The enlistment work under these men, though new, promises gratifying results. The appropriation for this work is \$6,000.

In the destitute places over the State we have 125 missionaries engaged in carrying out the commission of our Lord.

Brother J. E. Byrd and Brother W. E. Holcomb have in their care the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work of the State. Their labors are being encouragingly blessed. For this department of work there is an appropriation of \$3,500.

All told, the appropriations amount to \$42,000 for the work of this year. The debt of \$10,000 on last year's appropriation being added brings the amount to \$52,000. With \$2,000 of the appropriation to pastoral support on this year's work not being called for leaves \$50,000 as the amount to be raised for the present year's work, and the liquidation of the \$10,000 brought forward from last year. There being about 1,500 churches in the State, the average for each would be about \$3,500.

Of
raise \$

Mi
met. N
month.
tinual

The
sions a
only al
more th
number
sponsib
October

We
Secreta
duties

1.
of the
new fi
means
to give
board,
Associ

2.
ing up
charge
and m

3.
questio
tion a

4.
the w
metho
the E
arrang

5.
work i
ing a
School
Conve

6.
church
of the
time
of the
secure

Of the \$50,000, the W. M. U., with its auxiliaries, is endeavoring to raise \$15,000, an amount nearly three times that before undertaken.

Ministerial Relief and Ministerial Education are crying needs poorly met. Nineteen aged ministers receive help at the rate of \$7.00 each per month. The amounts to Ministerial Education are so small that a continual plea for help is coming to the Board from our colleges.

The demand for men, means and efficiency in the work of State Missions are great. Of the approximately two million people in the State, only about four hundred thousand are church members. Of this number more than two hundred thousand are Baptists. Baptists, having the greater numbers, and the whole of God's truth for dissemination, find their responsibilities doubly great. The books of the Convention Board close on October 31.

We append the following suggestions as offered by our Corresponding Secretary, with the suggestion of a Mission Committee changed with its duties to Executive Board. The duties are as follows:

1. This Executive Board shall study the mission situation in the bounds of the Association, make recommendations to the Convention Board of new fields that should be entered and suggest to the churches ways and means in raising mission money, as well as the amount each church ought to give to each mission cause. The Executive Board shall be an annual board, whose Chairman ought to be the State Mission representative in the Association.

2. It shall be the business of the Board to have open all requests coming up to the Convention Board for help, and who should also have in charge, and provide for, fifth Sunday meetings, church-to-church campaigns and mission rallies of the associational workers.

3. The Executive Board should be instructed to study carefully the questions of grouping churches, the formation of pastorates and the location and erection of pastor's homes in the country districts.

4. There should be in every Association a workers' conference, where the workers in that Association could come together and study the best methods for doing the Master's work. This matter should be referred to the Executive Board, and the time and place of the meeting should be arranged.

5. There should be a progressive consideration of the Sunday School work in the State. Let the Association put themselves on record as favoring a demonstrational program. Every Association should have a Sunday School Convention, and should elect delegates to the State Sunday School Convention, which meets at Durant next spring.

6. There should be a strenuous effort made to get a report from every church, and as large an attendance as possible. It should be the business of the Clerk, and he should be so instructed, to publish in the county papers time and place of the associational meetings; to send out letters to all of the churches, and in every possible way try to work up interest and secure a large attendance to the associational meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HILL,
G. W. DEEN.

TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.****FURNISHED BY THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD**

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Virginia, and is composed of nineteen local members and eighteen members at large representing each State in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board conducts work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa. In these countries we have 380 churches with 833 outstations, 30,000 church members and 542 Sunday Schools with 22,000 scholars enrolled. We have also 9,376 students in mission schools, 420 of whom are in the theological seminaries and training schools seeking specific preparation for Christian work.

The present force of workers embraces just 300, of which number 20 are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their respective fields of labor. In addition to these home-sent missionaries we have on the combined fields 635 native workers.

The work prospers on nearly all the fields; 5,252 converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever reported for a single year. Conditions at this hour give promise of still more abundant fruits, if we take advantage of the opportunities opening to us everywhere.

But our successes and our opportunities have laid responsibilities upon us and make insistent demands of us which we cannot ignore without turning much of our success into failure, and throwing away our God-given opportunity for still larger achievements. Multitudes have been made ready for the Word of Life; thousands are awaiting training in the Christian life and for Christian service; our schools are overflowing; a score of consecrated young men and women are offering themselves to the Board for the needed work; and untouched fields invite us to harvest. Need and opportunity never combined in such a challenge to Southern Baptists. Nothing less than immediate and immense enlargement can answer this challenge, and set us in a place of great honor, usefulness and advantage for our Gospel.

Shall we prove ourselves worthy of so signal a favor as God is ready to bestow upon us? We are sufficient in numbers, capable in talents and leadership and able in material resources. We can meet the challenge of a great opportunity if we will.

Gifts to the work advanced \$44,000 last year over the previous year. But one-half of our people had no part in this advance, and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished, and will have no part in the glorious rewards to be bestowed.

Our task for the present year includes (1) The completion of the Judson Fund; (2) the enlistment of more than one-half of our church members who have not yet given anything for Foreign Missions; (3) The development of present givers into larger giving; (4) The inauguration in each church of a plan of systematic monthly giving and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided. We commend these four objects to the thoughtful consideration of our pastors and churches.

In order to increase intelligence concerning this great work of the denomination, and to enable all our people to work together harmoniously toward the same end, we recommend and urge that the Foreign Mission

Journal
to secure
tion appre
the mem
informed
nations,
give this

The
himself,
You
We
mands u
like read
Ward B
looks ou

It h
cause ev
a child
awakened

This
reading
strong c
character

The
and ruin
tunate i
the faith

We
of God

We
and jou

The
represen
There i
and the
Christia
its circ
church

The
him an

Journal be taken and read by every Baptist family within our bounds; and to secure so desirable an end, we suggest that each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with this object in view. All our people ought to be well informed about a work so great as this of giving the Gospel to the lost nations, and the Journal is the publication which the denomination uses to give this information.

Signed by committee.

W. E. BERRY,
J. F. RAY,
M. GILLIAN,
J. F. GATLIN.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The report on Publications was read by Eld. E. J. Hill, spoken to by himself, Eld. J. S. Berry and adopted.

Your Committee on Publications reports the following:

We are commanded in the word of God to read, and since God commands us to read, nothing will satisfy a hungry mind and thirsty soul like reading. The Book says, "The word is a lamp unto our feet." Henry Ward Beecher said, "Good books are windows through which the soul looks out."

It has been said that we are what we read. This is partly true, because every great man got an insight to his life work by reading. Many a child had permanent directions given to his life and found his ambition awakened to do something in the world by what he read.

This is a broad world in which we live, and there is more exhaustive reading today than ever before. Some are reading literature that builds strong character, and some are reading literature that blights and ruins character.

There are so many things published that are misleading to the strong, and ruinous to the weaker minds, that caution is a necessity. We are fortunate in having good and sound literature which, if read, will strengthen the faith and build up in the knowledge of the truth.

We take pleasure in recommending a more thorough study of the word of God and as many of the books published by our own press as you can.

We furthermore recommend the reading of our denominational papers and journals.

The Baptist Record is the organ of the Baptist State Convention, and represents all the denominational work and life and thoughts of our people. There is no other way in which we may keep in touch with one another and the work. It is necessary to the healthy development of the individual Christian and the church. The co-operation of all our forces depend upon its circulation, and so it becomes in the highest sense the duty of the church to promote it.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HILL,
A. H. McALLISTER,
J. E. RATLIFF.

The report on Education was read by Eld. W. T. Lowrey, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Ignorance does not help—it hinders. Knowledge does not hurt—it helps. The New Testament tells us to add knowledge to our virtue. Paul prayed for his best beloved people that they might abound in knowledge.

Above all other people on earth, Baptists ought to believe in education. We ought to stand on the watch tower and cry, "Turn on the light." The man who is afraid of the light lacks the first element of being a true Baptist.

Much of our education comes outside of schools, but much of it will never secure except by attending first-class schools.

Baptists ought to be the greatest encouragers of schools.

Every Baptist ought to take an earnest and active interest in the public school of his own community. It is unrighteous not to do so. On that school depends, in no small measure, the future usefulness and happiness of the children in the community. The community that neglects to provide a good school and a good church is negligent indeed of its duty.

Baptists ought to have schools of their own, and all Baptists ought to take an interest in Baptist schools.

Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists have reason to be proud of their schools.

Mississippi College at Clinton belongs to the Baptists of this State. It is a standard college of high standing and large influence. It educates many of our young preachers and our leaders in every other line. We should know about it and pray for it. Tippah Association ought to have a dozen young men every session attending Mississippi College.

In the same town with Mississippi College is Hillman College, an excellent school for girls, which has been in the hands of Baptists for over sixty years.

But Mississippi College is not the place for young boys; it is the place for young men. Young boys in their preparatory courses need a first-class academy. Such a one can be found at Blue Mountain. The Mississippi Heights Academy, presided over by Prof. J. E. Brown, has a reputation all over Mississippi and in many other States. It is a training school for boys, and it certainly does secure good work and good behavior.

There are other good high schools in the bounds of our Association. Our Tippah County Agricultural High School at Chalybeate is destined to do a great work for our boys and girls. At present it is presided over by a splendid Baptist man, a graduate of Mississippi College.

Blue Mountain College, within our own bounds, has just opened her forty-second annual session, with students from eleven States, and a majority of the counties in Mississippi. It is a standard college with practically a South-wide reputation. It does not belong to the Baptist denomination, but it has always been managed by Baptist people, and has done much for the cause of Christianity, as well as for the cause of education.

Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Miss., is a high class academy for boys and girls. It is now controlled by the Baptist State Convention, and is doing excellent work under one of our strongest men, Dr. M. O. Patterson. It usually has about a hundred boarders, and is growing.

The Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg, Miss., belongs to the Baptist State Convention. During its second session it enrolled about

two hun
putting
open Se

Whi
this is o
we have
them to
friend t

Pra
morning

TE

The
the fifth
Min
for rep
discusse

It
Protest
touchin
of the
soul, tr
ther ha
Thus t
charity
tion of
of the
\$250,00
hundre
surgeona
thus ke

The
being
great
graciou
mittee
our sy
giving

better

Th
by Ele

two hundred students. Its brilliant President, Prof. John L. Johnson, is putting great energy into its management. Its third annual session will open September 16, 1914.

While we should be loyal to our educational institutions, yet far above this is our duty to be loyal to our own children and the young people whom we have a chance to influence and help. Let us encourage them and help them to secure the best educational advantages possible, and let us be a friend to every school that is helping the young people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. LOWREY,
C. C. MITCHELL.

Prayer by Eld. J. S. Berry. Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY, SEPTEMBER 11. MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the fifth chapter of Second Cor. Prayer, led by Eld. J. T. Cox.

Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted. Resumed call for reports. The report on Sanitariums was read by Eld. J. E. Buchanan, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON SANITARIUMS.

It is a matter of congratulation that Christians of the Baptist and Protestant world are coming into a realization of their obligation and duty touching the care and relief of the bodies of men. Christ said He was sent of the Father to preach, teach and heal the sick, thus ministering to the soul, training the mind and relieving the body. And He says, "So my Father hath sent me into the world, even also have I sent you into the world." Thus the mission of God's people is threefold. In the practice of duty and charity work, Baptist sentiment and efforts have crystalized in the erection of a great Tri-State Sanitarium at Memphis under the fostering care of the Baptists of the States of Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi. Over \$250,000 has been spent in its erection and upkeep, and within its walls hundreds are annually receiving and are securing the best medical and surgical treatment and care to be had. Much charity work is being done, thus keeping the poor, as our Lord so urgently commanded.

The Baptists of Mississippi have also at Jackson, Miss., a hospital, now being enlarged and more fully equipped. This institution is now doing a great work and hopes to do a greater work in the future. Surely this gracious and benevolent work commends itself to us all, and your committee most earnestly recommends that we maintain and support it (1) By our sympathy and prayers; (2) By our influence and patronage; (3) By giving supplies and money as we are called upon for their enlargement and

Respectfully submitted,

better equipment.

J. E. BUCHANAN,
GIDEON WATTS,
HUGH RENFROW.

The report on Encampment was read by Eld. J. E. Buchanan, spoken to by Elds. W. E. Berry, J. A. Autry and adopted.

TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON ENCAMPMENT.

We have located in the bounds of Tippah Association one of the greatest sources of religious inspiration. It is known as the Mississippi Baptist Encampment. The Encampment, as most of us know, meets at Blue Mountain every July, it being a permanent institution at that time and place.

The Encampment management gathers together some of the greatest preachers and laymen in the Baptist denomination. Such men as T. T. Eaton, Len G. Broughton, Geo. W. Truett, E. Y. Mullins, Geo. B. Carroll, J. B. Gambrell, and a host of others, have been at the Encampment in years past. Few associations have the pleasure of having an institution like the Encampment located within them to bring such great men into their very midst every year.

In addition to this, splendid courses in Sunday School training work, B. Y. P. U. training work and mission study are given each summer by the most competent teachers we can obtain. Many people travel hundreds of miles to get to the Encampment, and we here at home allow this feast of good things to go by practically untasted. We have here the really great opportunity of training our children and our young folks for the great work of the kingdom. Let us take due note of this and govern ourselves accordingly in the next Encampment.

We desire to plead with the pastors of the Association to call the attention of their churches to these things and to enlist their young workers in the Encampment Training School for one week a year. God must have trained workers.

Committee—

P. H. LOWKEY,
J. D. BURNS,
A. L. COLLINS.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Eld. W. E. Berry, was discussed by himself, Eld. J. A. Autry, and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In the nations of the earth where the Gospel is unknown, woman is the slave of the man. This has been true in the nations past. But the Gospel of Christ has placed her where she belongs—at the side of the man, as his equal and helpmeet. Among the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, woman has ever been among the most loyal, loving and faithful. It has been beautifully said of her that she was the last at the cross and first at the sepulchre of the blessed Lord.

In consideration of her chances for handling funds, woman far surpasses man in her contributions to the cause of Christ.

In recent years there has been organized Woman's Missionary Unions over the South. There are a few organizations in our Association. We have a report from only two—Ripley and Blue Mountain—which we hereby submit:

Report of W. M. U. Work of Tippah Association, Beginning Sept. 1, 1913, and Ending Aug. 31, 1914.

Report of Ripley W. M. U.

Amount given to State Missions.....	\$ 5.00
Amount given to Home Missions	5.00
Amount given to Foreign Missions	10.00
Amount given to Orphanage	5.00
Amount given to Ministerial Education	5.00
Amount given to suport Bible Woman (1 year).....	30.00
Proceeds of hen party given to Missions	17.50
Donation by Rosewell Lowrey .....	.40
To Mrs. Ray for banner	5.00
Box to Frontier Missionary	24.00

Total	\$106.90

Pledged to the Training School for year 1914-15, \$10.00.

Our society consists of twenty-one members.

Report of Blue Mountain W. M. U. for Associational Year.

Amount paid to Bible Woman	\$ 15.00
Amount paid to Baptist Hospital at Jackson	10.00
Amount paid to State Missions	39.62
Box to Frontier Missionary	49.00
Amount paid to Foreign Missions	103.25
Amount paid to Home Missions	47.74
Amount paid to Training School	5.00
Amount paid to Current Bible Fund	3.00
Jubilate offering to Missions	40.25

Total	\$312.86

There are various other ways that we as societies have helped where help has been needed, such as helping the needy with food and clothing and distributing literature and trying to win some one to Christ.

There is one other society which I did not get a report from—Providence. They organized in April or May, and I am expecting good things from them. I hope they have a representative at the Association.

As Associational Superintendent, I have mailed literature to three different churches where they agreed to organize W. M. U., and have mailed out quantities of good literature to these and many other churches.

I trust and shall pray that much good may come from and great interest may be manifested in our work at the Association, and I desire that you all pray that I may be able to enlist the interest and organize many more societies within the next year.

Cordially Yours,
ELIZABETH HUDSON.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Robt. Ray. After being discussed by Robt. Ray, Elds. J. E. Buchanan, W. E. Berry, H. L. Whitten, this report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Relief, beg to submit the following

TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

report:

After confering with our Secretary, we find that only \$7.00 per month is paid to these our worn-out ministers.

We, your committee, do not think this amount adequate for the support of those who have worn themselves out in the Lord's work, and we would urge the representatives of the churches to take up this matter with their respective churches and see if we cannot swell the funds of this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McELROY.
BOB RAY,

Moved by Eld. W. E. Berry that the report on State Missions be referred to Eld. J. A. Autry, J. F. Ray, W. J. Jackson for further consideration, after which said report was adopted as printed in these Minutes.

AMOUNT EACH CHURCH IS REQUESTED TO RAISE FOR MISSIONS

Church	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission
Academy	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Ashland	35.00	25.00	35.00
Bethlehem	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beulah	25.00	25.00	25.00
Bluff Springs	15.00	15.00	15.00
Canaan	10.00	10.00	10.00
Curtis Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00
Dumas	15.00	10.00	15.00
Falkner	25.00	20.00	25.00
Fellowship	25.00	20.00	25.00
Flat Rock	15.00	10.00	15.00
Harmony	10.00	10.00	10.00
Hickory Flat	25.00	20.00	25.00
Lebanon (memb)	10.00	10.00	10.00
Blue Mountai, Lowrey	500.00	400.00	500.00
Macedonia	40.00	30.00	40.00
Mt. Hebron	10.00	10.00	10.00
Mt. Olive	10.00	10.00	10.00
Mt. Moriah	10.00	10.00	10.00
New Hope	10.00	10.00	10.00
New Prospect	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pine Grove	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pleasant Hill B	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pleasant Hill T	10.00	10.00	10.00
Providence	100.00	75.00	100.00
Ripley	100.00	75.00	100.00
Shady Grove	30.00	15.00	30.00
Oakland	10.00	10.00	10.00
Tiplersville	10.00	10.00	10.00
Union Hill	10.00	10.00	10.00
Union	100.00	75.00	100.00
Totals	\$1,275.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,275.00

Eld.
senger to
Eld.
granted

Church

Bal. last
Academ
Ashland
Bethleh
Beulah
Bluff Sp
Canaan
Curtis C
Dumas
Falkner
Fellowsh
Flat Roc
Harmon
Hickory
Lebanon
Lowr'y
" W
" S
Macedon
Mt. Heb
Mt. Oliv
Mt. Mor
New Ho
New Pr
Pine Gr
Ple'snt
Provide
Ripley
"

Shady G
Union
Kille
Union I
As'ociat
collect

Totals
Disburs

Bal. on

Eld. W. B. May was appointed to collect funds to pay expenses of messenger to S. B. C.

Eld. J. E. Buchanan then read the Treasurer's report. Privilege was granted the Clerk to complete said report, after which it was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphahage	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education	Seminary	Hospital
Bal. last year	\$ 13.00	\$ 27.40	\$ 65.81	\$ 9.02	\$ 1.25	.....	.....	.....
Academy . . .	60.60	42.15	17.00	12.78	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashland . . .	24.50	25.50	16.50	14.31	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem . . .	1.00	1.00	.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah . . .	18.85	28.65	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Bluff Springs	7.05	4.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan . . .	1.30	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Curtis Creek	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Dumas . . .	6.45	5.00	10.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Falkner . . .	21.00	10.70	7.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship . . .	17.60	13.50	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat Rock . . .	2.30	2.00	5.06	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony . . .	1.00	2.00	2.51	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickory Flat	20.00	15.00	19.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon . . .	3.00	2.25	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lowr'y Mem.	326.14	228.31	162.43	118.70	23.65	106.00	30.00	16.00
" W M U	160.50	47.74	38.57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" S S . . .	118.20	50.55	.....	29.56	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia . . .	40.10	26.90	23.55	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron . . .	3.00	3.00	1.00	2.75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive . . .	8.25	5.25	3.40	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Moriah . . .	2.89	1.92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope . . .	2.92	2.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect	3.75	2.50	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove . . .	4.00	4.00	12.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ple's'nt H'l(b)	5.00	4.45	1.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " (t) . . .	.....	.....	3.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence . . .	100.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.09
Ripley . . .	161.28	75.62	25.00	56.99	.....	5.00	.....	.....
" W.M.U.	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shady Grove . . .	10.00	10.00	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Alma	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Killough . . .	86.35	57.68	58.63	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Hill . . .	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
As'sociat'n gen. collection . . .	.....	.....	.....	34.63	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals . . .	\$1,253.02	\$751.05	\$493.95	\$303.04	\$ 30.90	\$111.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 16.00
Disbursem'ts	1,243.27	740.30	396.04	273.86	29.90	105.00	30.00	15.00
Bal. on hand	\$ 9.75	\$ 10.75	\$ 97.91	\$ 29.18	\$ 1.00	\$ 6.00	.....	\$ 1.00

TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Eld. W. E. Berry read the report of the Executive Board. After this report was discussed by Eld. W. E. Berry and P. C. Gadd it was moved by Eld. J. E. Buchanan that the apportionment to the different churches sent out by the State Board be rearranged. Thus changed, this report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Soon after the meeting of the last Association your Board discussed the needs of the field in our own bounds. There is a large territory along the western, northern, and eastern portion of the Association in which there is no regular Baptist preaching, and there are a few churches that need help in paying pastor's salary.

We thought it not advisable to put a man in the field this year to supply this distribution, but thought it best to call your attention to the facts and await instructions.

We agreed to render assistance to the amount of \$25.00 towards the payment of the salary of each of the pastors at Lebanon, Tiplersville and Oakland. Brother John Randolph is pastor at Lebanon, Brother E. J. Hill at Tiplersville and Brother J. H. Heath at Oakland.

We recommend to the State Board that these pastors be recognized as servants of the Board, and that we would pay the amount appropriated from the funds called in this Association.

Your board would recommend the movement looking to the better support and more efficient services of pastors of country churches by the grouping of churches and the settling of pastors in their midst.

We further recommend that the churches raise the amount asked for by the Board and co-operate in all the work of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. BERRY, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read by A. C. Anderson, ably discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The question of Temperance as we shall deal with it in this instance is the liquor traffic, and it enters into every phase of our life. It hinders the progress of the church, because it drags men down, keeps them away from church, dulls their finer sensibilities and steeples their hearts in sin until it is exceedingly difficult to reach them by the word of God and bring them into the fold of Christianity. It hinders moral progress because it brings into the every-day life the things that are immoral and degrading, and its path leads to the slums, where humanity lives on its lowest plane. Not only is the liquor traffic an enemy to the church, a hindrance to moral development and menace to society, but it is a great economic question.

It took t
even mod
of the gr
of efficien
man has
affairs a
learned f
be stead
man beh
cluded li

On e
traffic; b
of liquor
we think
the Unit
into the
is the fi
cost of
for the
and orph
called u

Tem
United
the pow
resolution
Constitut
enacted
gallon,
the rec
tion. T
that sin
County
kegs of
in the f
being a
and hav
State h
whisky

We
recomm
ciation
further
excess.

We
both S
peranc

We
peranc
among

It took the business world a long time to learn that the man who drinks, even moderately, is a dangerous man in a responsible position. Hence many of the great corporations employing men have made sobriety the chief test of efficiency, and have refused to employ those who drink. The business man has learned by many sad experiences that the head who directs his affairs and calculates his transactions must be clear; the railroads have learned from many bloody wrecks that the hand that drives the wheel must be steady; the Secretary of our great Navy has learned at last that the man behind the gun must be firm and unnervous, and to that end has excluded liquor from the navy, as to enlisted men.

On every hand we find strong men crying out for the life of the liquor traffic; but on the other hand, we find it with its defenders. The vast amount of liquor consumed in the United States is enough to alarm the nation when we think of its deadly effect and its awful horrors. It is estimated that the United States consumes an amount of liquor each year that brings into the coffers of the saloon more than two billion dollars annually. That is the first cost. The devil's profit on that investment is enormous. The cost of maintaining courts to prosecute the criminals it makes, to care for the insane whose reason it takes away, to feed and clothe the widows and orphans left alone in the world are some of the taxes the country is called upon to pay that this arch demon of hell may live.

Temperance legislation has made fairly satisfactory progress. The United States Congress has passed a bill giving the States the right and the power to regulate the traffic according to the law of each State, and a resolution is now pending in Congress providing for an amendment to the Constitution for national prohibition. The recent Legislature in this State enacted a law limiting the shipment to any one man at one time to one gallon, and it requires the buyer to sign for it at the express office and the record of each delivery is filed with the Circuit Clerk for public inspection. That law will help the cause of Temperance in the State. We find that since the sixth of April, when the law went into effect, that Tippah County has received about 1,250 gallons of whisky, 69 cases, 10 casks and 8 kegs of beer, which amount, including carriage, has taken from this county in the five summer months an amount close to five thousand dollars. This being a temperate county, as compared with many of our sister counties, and having only two-thirds of the population the average county in this State has, we can readily see that our State is paying a heavy toll to the whisky interest.

We think there is too much drinking among our own members, and we recommend that we urge that members of the Baptist Church in this Association should abstain absolutely from the use of strong drink. And we further recommend that churches deal firmly with members who drink to excess.

We recommend that our members stand for and advocate all legislation, both State and national, that will tend to advance the interest of Temperance and suppress the liquor traffic.

We recommend further that our churches arrange for and hold Temperance rallies occasionally, that a better sentiment may be worked up among our people.

A. C. ANDERSON, Chairman,
T. M. GADD,
T. C. HUNTER.

TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The report on Laymen's Movement was read by J. S. Horton, spoken and adopted.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

This work is an organized effort to enlist and develop the Laymen in Christian work and Christian giving.

Brother J. T. Henderson has been, and is now the General Secretary of this work, with a State Secretary in each State, and through these State Secretaries organizing the work in the various Associations.

Each organization was once maintained in this Association, a number of meetings were held and doubtless much good was done.

We suggest that the Executive Board give this matter their attention, and if wise, revive the work by appointing a leader and arranging meetings as they may deem advisable.

Committee—

J. S. HORTON,
J. E. BUCHANAN,
J. H. GADD.

The report on Finance was read by M. C. Duncan and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

Mt. Hebron	\$ 1.20	Fellowship	1.70
Harmony .....	.70	Providence	2.00
Tiplersville	1.00	Hickory Flat	2.00
Union	2.40	New Macedonia	1.10
Ripley	3.00	Falkner	1.10
Dumas	1.00	Pleasant Hill (Benton)	1.00
Oakland	1.01	Curtis Creek .....	.50
Flat Rock	2.30	Ashland	1.20
Canaan .....	.75	Academy	2.75
Bethlehem .....	.60	Shady Grove	1.70
Lebanon .....	.70	Pine Grove	2.50
Pleasant Hill (Tippah)	.70	New Hope	1.00
Union Hill .....	.50	Lowrey Memorial	10.00
Beulah	1.50	Bluff Springs	*
New Prospect	1.10	Total	\$49.26
Mt. Moriah	1.50		
Mt. Olive .....	.75	* Amount omitted.	

Committee—

M. C. DUNCAN,
W. C. SPENCER,
E. T. DUNN.

Proceeded to elect Executive Board, which resulted in the re-election of the old Board except substituting as Chairman Eld. J. A. Autry in place of Eld. W. E. Berry.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

A. C. Anderson, Robt. Ray, Eld. W. B. May were appointed to confer with the State Convention in reference to time of meeting of the Association.

The Treasurer was instructed with reference to distribution of funds.
The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That the hearty thanks of the Tippah Baptist Association are hereby extended to Academy Church and the people of the community for the splendid manner in which the Association has been entertained. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be bountifully bestowed upon this church and community.

2. We also extend to our able and impartial Moderator, Eld. H. L. Whitten, our sincere thanks for his splendid services in presiding over the Association. Also to Brother J. W. Crump, our excellent Clerk, for his efficient services in keeping the record; and Brother A. A. Graham for keeping our accounts. Our thanks are also extended to committeemen and others who labored with us to make this meeting of our Association a success.

3. That the Clerk be instructed to superintend printing and distribution of the Minutes and to retain \$10 for his services.

The list of delegates was called and absentees marked. The minutes of the day were read and adopted. All joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation," and extended to each other the parting hand, and adjourned after the closing prayer by Eld. W. E. Berry.

ELD. H. L. WHITTEN, Moderator.
J. W. CRUMP, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Autry, J. A.	Route 3, Hickory Flat, Miss.
Barnes, W. C.	Hickory Flat, Miss.
Berry, W. E.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
Buchanan, J. E.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
Carmichael, L. F.	Ripley, Miss.
Caviness, W. P.	Ripley, Miss.
Cox, J. T.	Hickory Flat, Miss.
Davis, H. L.	Route 4, Ripley, Miss.
Degarmo, J. D.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
Eubanks, E. J.	Route 2, Walnut, Miss.
Franks, J. D.	Ripley, Miss.
Gillean, M.	Ashland, Miss.
Houston, W. E.	Route 3, Ashland, Miss.
Martin, T. T.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
May, W. B.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
Thompson, W. G.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
Vandiver, A. C.	Route 2, Ripley, Miss.
West, D. C.	Route 2, Ashland, Miss.
Whitten, H. L.	Route 2, Ashland, Miss.

TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

Article 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

Article 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present letters specifying their appointment and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

Article 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number over fifty members, and then one for every fifty over that number.

Article 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered dropped by the Association.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

Article 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

Article 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Article 10. If any church shall have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

Article 11. When churches of this union have gifts which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the Gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and the constitution of churches, to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

Article 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

Article 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Article 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

Article 15. The Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

CONTRIBUTION OF CHURCHES

Church		Pastor's Expenses		State Missions		Home Missions		Foreign Missions		Orphanage		Sunday School Expenses		Ministerial Education		Relief		Benevolence		Aggregate		
Academy	\$ 15.25	\$ 100.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 42.15	\$ 60.60	\$ 11.78	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.31	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.31	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.31	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.31	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.31	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.31	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.31	\$ 10.00	
Ashland	151.20	150.00	165.50	24.50	25.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Bethlehem .....	.60	.40	.40	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Benah	5.25	100.00	15.05	12.60	18.85	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Bluff Springs																						
—Canaan	15.75	75.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
Curtis Creek	17.62	50.00	7.00	7.00	8.55	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Dumas	1.10	1.10	7.50	14.75	17.35	2.68	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	
Falkner	1.10	1.10	7.50	14.75	17.35	2.68	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	
Fellowship	11.75	125.00	5.68	2.50	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Flat Rock	2.30	125.00	2.30	7.25	15.00	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	
Harmony	7.70	100.00	7.25	5.00	5.00	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	20.00	13.10	
Hickory Flat	74.50	100.00	50.00	201.00	326.60	604.84	147.56	96.20	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	
Lebanon .....	.70	1.450.95	20.75	67.50	23.55	26.90	40.10	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Lowrey Mem'l	568.65	1.450.95	20.75	100.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Macedonia																						
Mt. Hebron	1.20	50.00	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	
Mt. Olive .....	.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
New Hope	59.30	100.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	
New Prospect																						
Oakland	141.51	13.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	
Pine Grove	780.00	75.00	12.44	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	
Ple'sa't H'l (b)	1.00	5.45	5.45	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	
Ple'sa't H'l (t) .....	.70	100.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Providence	8.50	25.00	8.00	25.00	8.00	72.62	161.27	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	56.99	
Ripley	110.34	500.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	
Shady Grove	1.70	50.00	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	
Tiplersville	1.00	200.00	58.63	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	57.68	
Union Hill .....	.50	1.25																			
Totals			\$ 2,004,12	\$ 3,781.96	\$ 434,43	\$ 687,10	\$ 1,178,56	\$ 259,44	\$ 216,84	\$ 141,00	\$ 29,65	\$ 105,76	\$ 9,790,79	\$ 259,44	\$ 216,84	\$ 141,00	\$ 29,65	\$ 105,76	\$ 9,790,79	\$ 259,44	\$ 216,84	\$ 141,00

HISTORICAL TABLE

This body was organized at Ripley, Miss., on October 27, 1869, with the following churches: Mt. Comfort, Hopewell, Beulah, Canaan, Macedonia, Pleasant Hill (T), Ripley, Union and Zion Hill.

Year	No.	Places	Moderators	Clerks	Treasurers	Chairman Ex- committee	Preachers
1860	1	Ripley.....	A. Goodwin.....	J. E. Rogers.....	S. R. Spight.....	W. E. Berry.....	Ambrose Ray....
1861	2	Beulah.....	A. Goodwin.....	J. E. Rogers.....	S. R. Spight.....	.....	.....
1865	3	Canaan.....	A. Goodwin.....	J. E. Rogers.....	S. R. Spight.....	.....	.....
1866	4	Union.....	M. P. Lowry.....	J. E. Rogers.....	H. Garrett.....	J. M. McDonald.....	A. G. Parrott....
1867	5	Pleasant Hill (B).....	Ambrose Ray.....	J. E. Rogers.....	H. Garrett.....	J. M. McDonald.....	Ambrose Ray....
1868	6	Ripley.....	M. P. Lowry.....	J. E. Rogers.....	H. Garrett.....	J. M. McDonald.....	A. G. Parrott....
1869	7	Pleasant Hill (T).....	M. P. Lowry.....	J. E. Rogers.....	H. Garrett.....	J. M. McDonald.....	J. W. Johnson....
1870	8	Unity.....	A. G. Parrott.....	J. E. Rogers.....	J. F. Guyton.....	J. M. McDonald.....	L. P. Cossitt....
1871	9	Academy.....	A. G. Parrott.....	J. E. Rogers.....	J. F. Guyton.....	J. M. McDonald.....	A. G. Parrott....
1872	10	Flat Rock.....	A. G. Parrott.....	N. S. Watson.....	J. F. Guyton.....	J. M. McDonald.....	M. P. Lowrey....
1873	11	Harmony.....	A. G. Parrott.....	Thos. Spight.....	J. F. Guyton.....	J. M. McDonald.....	J. W. Sanford....
1874	12	Beulah.....	A. G. Parrott.....	Thos. Spight.....	J. F. Guyton.....	.....	J. W. Skinner....
1875	13	Mt. Moriah.....	M. P. Lowry.....	Thos. Spight.....	J. F. Guyton.....	.....	J. D. Anderson....
1876	14	Canaan.....	M. P. Lowry.....	Thos. Spight.....	J. F. Guyton.....	L. Ball.....	M. P. Lowrey....
1877	15	Chewattha.....	M. P. Lowry.....	O. F. Ray.....	J. F. Guyton.....	L. Ball.....	L. Ball.....
1878	16	Fellowship.....	M. P. Lowry.....	O. F. Ray.....	J. F. Guyton.....	L. Ball.....	L. P. Cossitt....
1879	17	New Hope.....	M. P. Lowry.....	W. O. Rutherford.....	J. F. Guyton.....	L. Ball.....	L. Ball.....
1880	18	Union.....	M. P. Lowry.....	W. O. Rutherford.....	J. F. Guyton.....	W. E. Berry.....	W. E. Berry....
1881	19	Blue Mountain.....	L. Ball.....	W. O. Rutherford.....	J. F. Guyton.....	.....	L. T. Ray....
1882	20	A shland.....	M. P. Lowry.....	W. O. Rutherford.....	J. F. Guyton.....	W. E. Berry.....	M. P. Lowrey....
1883	21	Ripley.....	M. P. Lowry.....	W. O. Rutherford.....	J. F. Guyton.....	W. E. Berry.....	H. M. Long....
1884	22	Providence.....	M. P. Lowry.....	W. O. Rutherford.....	C. J. Frederick.....	E. E. Berry.....	E. L. Wesson....
1885	23	New Prospect.....	L. P. Cossitt.....	J. W. Crump.....	C. J. Frederick.....	W. E. Berry.....	J. E. Buchanan....
1886	24	Clear Creek.....	L. P. Cossitt.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. J. Guyton.....	W. E. Berry.....	W. G. Thompson....
1887	25	Bluff Springs.....	L. P. Cossitt.....	J. W. Crump.....	W H M Durham.....	W. E. Berry.....	J. H. Shackelford....
1888	26	Canaan.....	W. G. Thompson.....	J. W. Crump.....	W H M Durham.....	W. E. Berry.....	G. W. Floyd....
1889	27	Beulah.....	W. G. Thompson.....	J. W. Crump.....	W H M Durham.....	W. E. Berry.....	W. M. Gadd....
1890	28	Fellowship.....	L. P. Cossitt.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. S. Gilentine.....	W. E. Berry.....	M. Gillean....
1891	29	Oaklifter.....	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. S. Gilentine.....	W. E. Berry.....	T. Lowrey....

HISTORICAL TABLE CONTINUED

Year	Places	Moderators	Clerks	Treasurers	Chairman Ex- committee	Preachers	
						J. N. McMillin.	W. T. Lowrey.....
1892 30	Falkner	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. N. McMillin.	W. E. Berry.....	J. N. McMillin.	St. C. Lawrence.
1893 31	Shady Grove	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. N. McMillin.	W. F. Guyton.....	J. N. McMillin.	St. C. Lawrence.
1894 32	Union	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. N. McMillin.	J. F. Guyton.....	J. C. Swain.....	J. C. Lawrence.
1895 33	Ripley	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. N. McMillin.	J. F. Guyton.....	J. C. Swain.....	J. C. Lawrence.
1896 34	Blue Mountain	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. Frank Ray.....	J. F. Guyton.....	J. C. Lawrence.	J. C. Lawrence.
1897 35	Pleasant Hill (B)	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. Frank Ray.....	J. Frank Ray.....	J. R. Carter.....	W. E. Berry.....
1898 36	Hickory Flat	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. Frank Ray.....	J. Frank Ray.....	S. R. Carter.....	M. Gillean.....
1899 37	Ashland	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. Frank Ray.....	J. Frank Ray.....	J. R. Carter.....	W. E. Berry.....
1900 38	Beulah	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. R. Carter.....	W. E. Berry.....
1901 39	Providence	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. R. Carter.....	J. A. Autry.....
1902 40	Mt. Moriah	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. R. Wilson.....	J. N. McMillin.
1903 41	Pine Grove	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. L. Wilson.....	J. L. Wilson.....
1904 42	Academy	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. A. Norriss.....	J. L. Wilson.....	J. N. McMillin.
1905 43	Flat Rock	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	A. L. Collins.....	A. L. Collins.....	J. E. Buchanan.....	J. B. Buchanan.
1906 44	Canaan	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. W. Gresham.....	J. W. Gresham.....	B. G. Lowrey.....	J. B. Lowrey.
1907 45	Fellowship	W. E. Berry.....	J. W. Crump.....	J. P. Byrd.....	J. P. Byrd.....	B. G. Lowrey.....	W. J. Epting.....
1908 46	Beulah	J. A. Autry.....	J. W. Crump.....	A. A. Graham.....	A. A. Graham.....	B. G. Lowrey.....	J. E. Buchanan.
1909 47	New Hope	J. A. Autry.....	J. W. Crump.....	A. A. Graham.....	A. A. Graham.....	B. G. Lowrey.....	W. J. Epting.....
1910 48	Shady Grove	J. A. Autry.....	J. W. Crump.....	A. A. Graham.....	A. A. Graham.....	W. E. Berry.....	E. J. Eubanks.
1911 49	Macedonia	J. A. Autry.....	J. W. Crump.....	A. A. Graham.....	A. A. Graham.....	W. E. Berry.....	A. V. Rowe.
1912 50	New Prospect	H. L. Whitten.....	J. W. Crump.....	A. A. Graham.....	A. A. Graham.....	W. E. Berry.....	H. L. Whitten.
1913 51	Mt. Hebron	H. L. Whitten.....	J. W. Crump.....	A. A. Graham.....	A. A. Graham.....	W. E. Berry.....	P. I. Lipsey.....
1914 52	Academy	H. L. Whitten.....	J. W. Crump.....	A. A. Graham.....	A. A. Graham.....	J. A. Autry.....	H. L. Whitten.



STATISTICAL TABLE

No.	Churches	Delegates	Pastor	Clerk	Postoffice	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership
						Baptism	Death Exclusion Letter Restoration Letter	
1	Academy	H. C. McElroy, J. N. Britt, M. H. Bumpass, W. G. Barkley	W. E. Berry	A. H. McAlister	Blue Mountain	2	6 1	133
2	Ashland S. S.	H. L. Whitten, M Gillean	J. A. Autry	W. T. Renick	Ashland	7 4	5	93
3	Bethlehem	None present	None	L. P. Stroup	Ashland	2	1	42
4	Beulah	A. L. Collins, J. T. Miller, Dewitt Coltharp, T. L. Robertson	H. L. Whitten	T. L. Robertson	Myrtle	10 3	7 4	116
5	Bluff Springs	Not represented	W. B. May	J. E. Doyle	Canaan	6 3	1	101*
6	Canaan S. S.	L. M. Bynum, H. B. Middleton, A. W. Bynum	W. B. May	S. N. Dickerson	Ashland	7	6	47
7	Curtis Creek	J. M. Gresham, R. S. Simpson, S. N. Dickerson	Jno. Randolph	W. W. Anderson	Dumas			47
8	Dumas	J. J. Smith, E. B. Smith, Levi Aldredge	E. J. Eubanks	G. Watts	Falkner	28 5		1.164
9	Falkner	G. Watts, J. W. Blankenship, L. V. Labarreare						
10	Fellowship	Mack Garrison, Alfred Childers, S. J. Little, J. N. Medlin	E. J. Eubanks	J. W. Medlin	Ripley	8 1	4	2159
11	Flat Rock	T. H. Hill, J. F. Gatlin, Merritt Thompson	E. J. Eubanks	L. G. Cossitt	Blue Mountain	15 3	8 4	2158
12	Harmony S. S.	Geo. Byrd, C. C. Mitchell	A. L. Spencer	J. N. Willbanks	Walnut	6 1	3 1	108
13	Hickory Flat S. S.	J. T. Cox, P. C. Gadd	J. A. Autry	J. B. Bright	Hickory Flat	7 7	1	84
14	Lebanon	W. W. Lanxton, W. M. Dockins	Jno. Randolph	C. F. Dickson	Ripley			40
15	Lowrey Memorial S. S.	A. A. Graham, S. P. Gurney, J. S. Gillentine, W. M. Winborn, M. E. Moffit, W. T. Lowrey, W. E. Berry, W. O. Beaty, J. E. Buchanan, J. L. Byres	W. T. Lowrey	C. F. Palmer	Blue Mountain	40 34	46	639
16	Macedonia S. S.	J. W. Carnall, W. A. Reaves, G. J. Deen, Joe Goudy	W. E. Berry	J. J. Wesson	Ripley	9 5	3 2	1117
17	Mt. Hebron	E. T. Dunn	E. J. Eubanks	E. T. Dunn	Walnut	8	1	80
18	Mt. Olive	Jno. Lindsey, Lee Long, J. W. Cook	B. L. Crawford	W. A. Mullikin	Ripley			85
19	Mt. Moriah	R. L. Yancy, Marshall Duncan, Roy Covington						75a
20	New Hope S. S.	Wuren Bright	W. B. May	Walter Tate	Ashland	5	5	95
21	New Prospect	J. W. Pitman, E. G. Whitehorn	H. L. Whitten	W. O. Burton	Laird	3 4	2	89
22	Oakland	J. L. Ferrell, Lee Jones, J. G. Campbell	J. H. Heath	J. D. Campbell	Campbell	19	2	68
23	Pine Grove	J. A. Autry, J. H. Godd	J. A. Autry	J. M. Renick	Hickory Flat			198
24	Pleasant Hill (B)	W. C. Spencer, J. D. Dickerson, J. W. Owen	W. E. Houston	J. D. Dickerson	Ashland	13	4	71
25	Pleasant Hill (T)	G. A. Smith, W. E. McDowell	A. L. Spencer	W. F. Duncan	Ripley	6 2	1 3	80
26	Providence	Burkett Hopper, Robt. Ray, J. S. Horton	E. J. Hill	Robt. Ray	Tiplersville	5 7	5 2	1156
27	Ripley S. S.	J. D. Burns, A. C. Anderson, J. M. Spight, Mrs. J. M. Spight	E. J. Hill	H. R. Spight	Ripley	1 3	15 1	3170
28	Shady Grove S. S.	Jeff Lence, J. R. McInturff, W. O. Lence, R. M. Staten	J. A. Autry	W. C. Hobson	Ripley	8 4	1 4	141
29	Tiplersville S. S.	O. T. Horton	E. J. Hill	O. T. Horton	Tiplersville	25 1	2	31
30	Union S. S.	J. F. Ray, Hugh Renfro, Simon McBryde	W. I. Hargis	D. T. Hollis	Walnut	6		209
31	Union Hill	Jno. Robins	H. L. Davis	J. W. Morgan	Ripley			48
					Totals	246 91	2 135 28	343707

* Number reported last year.
 Churches marked S. S. a Sunday School.

a Number reported last year.

